GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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APM FOR COAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Confederation of Indian Industry has urged the Government for phasing out the Administered Price Mechanism (APM) for Coal sector and also to dereserve some sectors of small scale industries to arrest the decline in industrial growth;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether phasing out of APM for coal sector is likely to have any effect on the production of coal in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T.SHANMUGAM)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. No such representation from Confederation of Indian Industry has been received by the Ministry of Coal urging for phasing out the Administered Price Mechanism (APM) for Coal sector or to dereserve some sectors of small scale industries to arrest the decline in industrial growth.

(c) & (d): The coal prices for all grades of coal have been fully deregulated after the notification of the Colliery Control Order, 2000 with effect from 1st January, 2000, in supersession of the Colliery Control Order, 1945. Under the Colliery Control Order, 2000 the Central Government has no power to fix the prices of coal.

The deregulation of prices of coal started in phases since March, 1996, and since then the production of coal in the country has been increasing as follows:-

Production of coal in the country in million tones

1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
286.08	297.17	292.27	300.03